MAYOR JERRY SANDERS
FACT SHEET

SANDERS TO SAN DIEGANS: LET'S HEAR YOUR IDEAS
Mayor Creates Online Venue for Public Input on Balancing City's Budget

Got a suggestion or two on how the City of San Diego can balance its budget? Which programs or services do you think should be cut, and which ones should be kept?

Mayor Jerry Sanders is asking the public for their input as his office begins preparing the 2010 fiscal year budget. He has created a special section on the city's website where citizens can let their voices be heard as the mayor works to close an estimated $54 million budget gap.

"Like most American cities, San Diego has been hurt by the national recession and needs to make difficult decisions to balance its budget," said Mayor Sanders. "I have always had a great appreciation for the common sense of San Diegans, and I welcome their ideas on reducing spending, streamlining operations, and enhancing revenues."

As he prepares the budget during these tough economic times, Mayor Sanders will be working hard to protect core city services, such as public safety and water reliability. In addition, he will continue to initiate and implement the types of reforms that have improved efficiency and restored San Diego's credibility in the financial world.

All suggestions will be reviewed by city staff. Some suggestions will be posted online, with the goal of sharing ideas and promoting a healthy dialogue.

Suggestions may be submitted by logging on to www.sandiego.gov. A link to the suggestion form is located under the "Latest News" section which can be found near the top center of the main page. Suggestions may also be submitted in writing to The Office of Mayor Jerry Sanders, 202 C Street, 11th Floor, San Diego, CA 92101.

Elsewhere on the city website you can find the city's current budget (www.sandiego.gov/fm/annual/index.shtml) as well as information about city departments and operations (www.sandiego.gov/directories/departments.shtml).

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